



## Retention and Completion Advisement Subcommittee

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Meeting Location: MEC

### Meeting MINUTES

- I. **Meeting** was called to order, with a Quorum at 10:15 a.m. by Rick Baca  
Present: Rick Baca, Tycie Jackson, Nathan Backer, Sarah Cantu, Sierra Fernandez, Janice Varela, Karen Wezwick, Renee Maestas, Joe Salas, Amanda Ortiz
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Informational/Discussion Items**
  1. **New Co-Chair** discussion. Election to be completed in action items; Chair & Co-Chair also serve on R&C Committee
  2. **Nathan Baker--** Discussed the College Success Class proposal:
    - To be phased in as a co-req. class, alongside Developmental English
    - There were to be three sections offered for 45 students;
    - About 70% of incoming students are unprepared for college;
    - Know nothing about Money Management;
    - Nor the Workings of Computers, files, operation of; nor
    - Have any concept of time management...all taught in the course.
    - Also discussed, was how the ACCU-Placer reflected the placement in English—276 or better places student in Freshman Composition II (which is transferrable), 240 and under score places students in Developmental English
  3. **R & C Subcommittee Reports--Sierra Fernandez**
    - A. R & C Charter Revisions
      - Subcommittee Membership
      - Chair/Co-chair/Member Responsibilities
      - Proxy Assignment
      - Subcommittee Progress Reporting
      - Monthly Meetings Scheduled
    - B. LCC in partnership with Western NMU, with a Bachelor's Degree program for RN and LPN
  4. **Sarah Cantu--Veterans Resource Coordinator**
    - A. Yellow Ribbon (?)
    - B. Benefits—GI Bill eligible (Federal level)
      - VA pays for all classes if they are under the declared major;
      - Up to 36 months of benefits can be paid for
      - There are currently 56 benefitting veterans, and
      - 35 Dependents of veterans enrolled
      - If they self-advise, they run into money problems, i.e. if they are taking 9 classes, and 3 are not in major, those 3 will not get paid, however...

- Other Scholarships are available at the student level, would cover tuition & fees, there are Vietnam Veteran Scholarships of which some are not aware.
- Chapter 33 Benefits—**fulltime** benefits can be \$\_000 to \$1400 per month, **part-time**, \$300 to \$900 per month, depending on what chapter they fall under and number of credit hours they are taking.
- Housing allowance

- C. Students changing majors has proven problematic
- D. Checking into Green Zone Training

**5. Advisor sheets and data for Spring 2019**

Deadline to e-mail to Rick Baca: Tuesday, June 11 @ 5 p.m., originally—after discussion, was decided to put the due date off until August 6<sup>th</sup>, as summer terms advisement is still ongoing, and the Spring & Summer entries will be combined into one report.

**6. NACADA—update**

Finalizing plans for visit/training, Aug. 16th, read the NACADA reference material

**7. Round-Robin Shares: “Your first year experience as an advisor”**

- A. “Roses-Thorns-Buds”
- B. Getting to know students—It’s all about the students
- C. Relationships, more personal
- D. Feel-good interactions, Real pleasure
- E. Not really knowing what to do to more confidence
- F. Continue to learn, serve, do...
- G. More knowledgeable—Power in Knowledge
- H. More Data-gathering
- I. Serving/learning
- J. Teaching, helping them to fly
- K. Struggles with wrong directions
- L. Learning the Advisement Portal, being more aware/conscious of
- M. Why stay in Las Vegas
- N. Success stories
- O. Neat to see completions
- P. Keeping Advisement Goals in mind
- Q. Just really enjoyed doing job

**8. Examining the Phase 1 goals (2018/2019) of the Advisement Plan--tabled due to time.**

**IV. Action Items**

- A. Election of Co-Chair**, resulted in Karen Wezwick being nominated and voted in, starting today. Karen accepted.

**V. Next Meeting--Tues. July 9 in MEC from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.**